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**CALIFORNIA TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES, USO OFFICIALS,
VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ENCOURAGE CALIFORNIANS
TO HELP TROOPS PHONE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Donations to USO Phone Card Program Help Military Families Keep in Touch

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides will join USO officials, military families, veterans and SFO airport officials tomorrow to encourage Californians to donate to the USO's Operation Phone Home, a phone card program that helps U.S. troops call home for the holidays. The USO launched this effort to make it possible for Americans to extend a touch of home to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

"The holidays are a time to share and rejoice with family and friends, but we shouldn't forget the many men and women who are thousands of miles away from their loved ones while they serve abroad this season," said Treasurer Angelides. "We can support our troops and lift their morale by helping them reach out to their loved ones over the holidays."

"At this hectic time of the year, we often finish the day frustrated at all we have left undone. During this special time, we should remember how blessed we are as a country, and remember to thank the members of our armed forces for all they do to protect America," said J. Dennis Wolfe, Board President, USO of Northern California.

- WHO:** California State Treasurer Phil Angelides
J. Dennis Wolfe, Board President, USO of Northern California
Military Families and Veterans
- WHAT:** Event to encourage Californians to help our troops call home for the holidays by donating to the USO's Operation Phone Home
- WHERE:** SFO International Airport Terminal, Airport Museum, Departure Level
(In terminal adjacent to checkpoint at boarding area "A")
- WHEN:** Today, Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 11:45 a.m. (PST)
- NOTE:** Media trucks may park curbside between International Parking Garage "A" or "G" and the Terminal. All other vehicles should park in International Garage "A". The Airport will validate the parking of working press.